

TAMIL NADU

Administration: Thiru M.K. Gomethagavelu, I.S. Consequent on the transfer of /
Thiru A.N. Natarajan, I.A.S. assumed charge as Commissioner of Archives and Historical Research.. Tamil Nadu Archives on 12th December, 1977 and continued to hold the post during the period under report. Thiru S. Singarajan, M.A.M. Litt., continued to be the Director of Archives and Thiru Valaragal V. Kunhikannan Nair and T.S. Visvesan, continued to be the Assistant Directors of Archives. A separate establishment for separation of records relating to Andhra Pradesh was formed in March 1978.

A proposal for the installation of a microfilm unit in Archives was submitted to Government which is under consideration. Proposals for the sixth five year plan schemes, relating to the construction of a separate building for Archives Library and a Regional Repository at Madurai and the staff requirements for the Regional Repository were submitted to the Government.

Budget: For 1977-78 a sum of Rs. 13.85,000/- was spent out of the budget allocations of Rs. 16,64,000/- on non-plan side. There was no provision made on the plan side. For 1978-79 a provision of Rs. 16,20,000/- has been made on non plan side.

Record Management: No remarks to offer.

Research and Reference: 192 Research Scholars availed themselves of the research facilities provided by the Department. 1,10,257 records were requisitioned by Government agencies and 17,840 by research scholars, 857 queries from private agencies and individuals were attended to.

Reference Media: The proposal for the preparation of reference media such as catalogues, indexes etc., has been approved by Government and is expected to be put through during next year.

Publication Programme: The Publication Cell has been functioning in Tamil Nadu Archives from 12th November, 1976. The documents pertaining to the first half of 20th century have been taken up for selected publication.

The Transfer of Power: 1942-47, published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office, London, has been taken as a model, not only in selecting records but also in the mode of presentation to facilitate reference to records. The selection of documents on (i) The Tinnevely Riot, Conspiracy and Ashe Murder (ii) The Neill Statue Satyagraha (iii) The Legal Remembrancer and (iv) The Bar Council of India has been completed and are awaiting final scrutiny while material on (i) The Sheriff of Madras (ii) The Employment of Children in Facotires (iii) The Constitution of 'Nidhis' and (iv) The Madras Discharged Prisoner Aid Society, has been collected. The material on the following subject is being collected. (i) The Non-Brahamin Movement, (

- (ii) The Madras vigilance Association, (iii) The Seditious Articles, Speeches etc, by Political Personalities, (iv) The change of names of Towns, Roads, Streets, etc. (v) The Prevention of cruelty to animals (vi) The establishment of ultimate court of appeal in India and (vii) The Civil Disobedience Movements.

Preservation of Records: During 1977-78.

2361 sheets were flattened, 3375 sheets repaired with tissue paper, 66589 sheets with chiffon and 3375 sheets with acetate foil. 62694 sheets were guarded and 1446 registers and volumes were bound.

Library: 587 books were acquired. The question of appointing a librarian and supporting staff was under consideration. A proposal for the construction of a separate building for Archives Library has been sent to Government for inclusion in the sixth plan period.

Other Activities: It is proposed to hold 'Archives Week' in August, 1978.